(ii) The opening of the Golaka Box in the presence of the chief servants of the temples an remitting of the realizations without delay to the Palace Treasury.

(iii) The conduct or supervision of any Santarpane, Utsava or other celebration on any speci occasion.

Rule 9.—The Dharmadarsis shall not be competent to punish any servant of th institutions, but may bring to the notice of the Assistant Secretary any irregularity o misconduct on the part of any servant of the institutions; and the latter shall thereupo investigate the matter and address the Huzur Secretary in regard thereto.

Rule 10.—Any Dharmadarsis failing to attend more than three consecutiv meetings of the Dharmadarsis or being absent from the station for more than thre months will be liable to be removed from office.

Rule 11.—A Dharmadarsi may be removed from his office for sufficient reason under the orders of the Huzur Secretary.

Rule 12.—Every Dharmadarsi shall hold his office for a period of three years fro the date of his appointment, unless removed within that period for reasons mentione in paras 10 and 11.

Rule 13.—Whenever a Dharmadarsi vacates his office or is removed from offic before the expiry of the term of office as sanctioned, the vacancy may be filled up b the appointment of another person, such person holding the office only for the unexpire portion of the aforesaid term.

Rule 14.—All appointments and removals of Dharmadarsis shall be duly notified i the *Mysore Gazette*.

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Reviews the Administration Report of the Electrical Depratment for the year 1927-28.

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Letter No. 36563, dated the 31st October 1928, from the Chief Electrical Engineer, submitting th Administration Report of the Electrical Department for the year 1927-28.

ORDER NO. E. D. S. 778-85, DATED 21ST JANUARY 1929.

Recorded.

2. The year covered by the Report was the Silver Jubilee year of the powe supply from Sivasamudram and synchronised with the Silver Jubilee of the Reign o His Highness the Maharaja.

3. Besides maintenance and operation, the main activities of the Departme during the year were under capital works for the development of power up to 46,00 H. P. including remodelling of the receiving system in Bangalore and Mysore an schemes for the electrification of Towns.

4. The estimates for expenditure under capital, depreciation and working charge of the Department and of revenue during the year, were Rs. 20 lakhs, Rs. 3·96 lakh and Rs. 9·50 lakhs respectively, the total expenditure being Rs. 33·46 lakhs. Th gross estimated revenue was Rs. 41·58 lakhs against the actual revenue of Rs. 41·2 lakhs in 1926-27 and Rs. 39·35 lakhs in 1925-26.

5. *Revenue Receipts.*—The demand for the year under report was Rs. 46,53,21 including previous arrears of Rs. 2·44 lakhs and interest of Rs. 3·14 lakhs on Depr ciation Fund, as against Rs. 45,93,732 in 1926-27. The recoveries amounted t Rs. 41,29,063. The arrears which amount to Rs. 2,09,618 still continue high an effective measures are necessary for their collection.

Reduction in Revenue.—The revenue of the Department after its fall some yea ago has been more or less stationary. It is explained that but for the reduction i rates in various directions the revenue during the year would have appreciabl increased. As it is reported that the rates sanctioned in the rates for power ha resulted in a tendency to stimulate further consumption, it is hoped that hereafter th revenue will increase progressively.

6. *Capital Outlay.*—The net outlay during the year was Rs. 14,80,270 under capital and Rs. 2,63,015 under Depreciation Fund Accounts. The total outlay on the Electric Works from the commencement up to the end of the year under report has been Rs. 2,28,94,866 excluding the expenditure on the reservoir on which the power scheme depends for the supply of water in summer months. The most important of the capital works under construction, *viz.*, the VII Installation, which is designed to generate 14,000 E. H. P. made further progress, the outlay being Rs. 28,71,515 of which Rs. 6,58,646 was incurred during the year under review. The first of the two 8,000 E. H. P. generating units was put into regular service during the year. The items of important works relating to the VII Installation Scheme that were completed during the year are:—(1) Modification to Head Gates and Anicuts, (2) Modification to Forebay, (3) Modification to Power Channels and (4) Extending Generation Station towards upstream. The other capital work is the installation at Metur for providing power supplies during construction to the Metur Reservoir Works according to an agreement entered into with the Government of Madras. The work was started in the month of February 1928 and is making good progress. Against the revised budget estimate of Rs. 6,00,000 sanctioned for the work, the outlay incurred during the year was Rs. 2,41,444. Besides the above, arrangements were made to supply power up to 800 H. P. to the Hulikere Tunnel Works and this power is being already utilised on the works. Schemes for the electrification of the Towns of Tumkur, Kolar, Nanjangud, Channapatna and Closepet were in progress during the year under review. Similar Schemes for Dodballapur, Chikballapur, Sidlaghatta and Devanhalli were sanctioned during the year. It is interesting to note, in connection with these electrification schemes, that several Village Panchayets, especially around Mysore and Bangalore, have come forward with applications for street and house lighting.

It is reported that the Bangalore and Mysore Telephone Works could not be finished as the materials ordered for from abroad have not yet arrived. In view of the demand from business men and the general public, early introduction of the system is desirable. It is hoped that the Department will be able to complete the work before the end of current year.

7. *Revenue Expenditure.*—The charges under operation and maintenance amounted to Rs. 9,24,769 against Rs. 8,99,753 in the previous year which works out to 22·60 per cent of gross receipts against 22·55 per cent in the previous year.

8. *Power Generated.*—The total quantity of power generated at Sivasamudram during the year was 161,894,410 units as against 151,860,610 units during the previous year.

There were in service at the close of the year 6,817 street lights, 10,937 lighting installations and 471 power installations against 6,220 street lights, 9,918 lighting installations and 361 power installations in the previous year. There has thus been considerable increase in the consumption of power.

The net return for the year is shown as 8·21 per cent on the total capital outlay. But this does not take into account the return on the expenditure on reservoir works. The total expenditure on the combined Hydro-Electric Scheme to the end of the year is Rs. 522·19 lakhs, the net revenue being Rs. 27,85,957 which works up to about 5·34 per cent.

9. The amount credited to the Depreciation Fund Account was Rs. 3,96,500 as against Rs. 7,29,631 during 1926-27. The net amount which accumulated to the credit of this account at the end of the year 1927-28 was Rs. 57,19,255.

10. *Contribution Works.*—Works aggregating to Rs. 84,986 were carried out by the Electrical Department for other Government Departments and public bodies. Out of the total amount of Rs. 84·986 referred to, as much as Rs. 69,850 were incurred in the Mysore Power and Lighting Section.

11. *Rebate.*—The value of rebate allowed to the Mining Companies on account of relinquishment of power amounted to Rs. 3,62,597 as against Rs. 4,31,352 during 1926-27 at current exchange rates. It is reported that practically the whole of this amount came under rebate owing to break down of the plant of the Mining Companies and other causes over which the Department had no control. Considering the large amount involved, Government desire that the cause of such large rebates may be examined with a view to the reduction of the amount. In spite of the fact that the mines applied for increased power supply up to 25,000 H. P. some years ago, the consumption of power continues low and the rebates high.

12. *Stores.*—The value of foreign stores purchased during the year was Rs. 9,50,266 and that of local stores Rs. 3,50,406. It is hoped that the Committee constituted in Government Order of the 23rd September 1927, will suggest measures to maintain the store balance at a minimum, at a very early date and thus reduce the locking up of funds under stores balance.

13. *Interruptions.*—It is observed that there were 108 interruptions of service as against 61 during 1926-27, and 43 during 1925-26. The number of interruptions has increased. Now that the New Transformer and Switching Station at Kankanhalli has been put into service, it is hoped that the number and duration of interruptions will be reduced.

14. *Inspection of Accounts and Sections.*—As in previous year, the Chief Electrical Engineer and his Assistant inspected the Stores and Accounts of all the Sections as also the works of the Department during the year under review. The Financial Assistant to the Chief Electrical Engineer inspected the several sections of the Department. The Accounts Assistant conducted the internal audit, reconciliation of the statements of differences in the countings of stock, etc. The Chief Electrical Engineer reports that he will fix up a programme of inspection for the Financial Branch so that every section may be inspected at least not less than once a year.

15. Government agree with the observation of the Chief Electrical Engineer that the aim of the Financial Branch should be to prevent, as far as possible at the earlier stages, the occurrence of any grave irregularities in the transactions of this big revenue earning Department.

16. Government sanctioned during the year a scheme for the supply of small electrically driven pumps on the hire-purchase system, for the encouragement of lift irrigation from wells with certain concessions as regards the interest on the money due and remission of assessment, etc. Further, the rate for power to be supplied to these pumps was reduced to 1½ annas per unit on the actual consumption without a minimum. Government are pleased to note that numerous pumping installations have sprung up in the vicinity of Bangalore, Mysore, etc., and that such installations are becoming very popular and the demands for pumps are rapidly increasing.

Mr. S. G. Forbes, Chief Electrical Engineer, continued to be in charge of the administration of the Department till the 11th April 1928, when he proceeded on six months' leave, and Mr. C. M. Cariapa was in charge as Officiating Chief Electrical Engineer during the rest of year.

17. The administration of the Department was satisfactory during the year.

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